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For: A FLUID CONTROL SERVO-SOLENOID VALVE WITH SELF-CONTAINED
ACTUATING FLUID

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) EP 0 936 317
- 2) DE 298 19 769.3

Reference 1 discloses a valve that has a tubular valve housing (1) with an intake (2) and an outlet (5) at its two opposite ends. The housing contains deflector elements (3,7), so that the flow path (9) is deflected through 180 degrees, passing from the intake about a valve seat (14) and a valve plate (15), to intake apertures (12) located on the opposite side of the valve seat. The intake and outlet flows (E,A) of the valve intake and outlet extend in the same direction.

Reference 2 discloses an invention that is a self-actuated servo-valve for liquids,

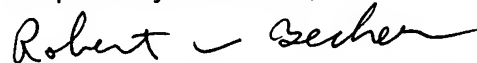
especially a magnetic valve for sanitary fittings. It has a valve housing in which a valve disc is movably arranged. It also has a valve outlet and a valve inlet. When the valve is closed, these are separated from one another by the valve plate seated on a valve seat. A noise damping apparatus that is embodied as a damping body arranged in the medium flow path between valve seat and valve outlet comprises a compressible, closed-cell foam, in particular plastic foam, with elastomer peroperties.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

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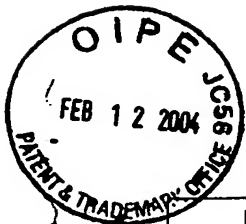
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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	2	De 298 19769.3	18 Feb 1999	Germany			X

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